IN THE CLAIMS:

--3.   (Amended)   The method, according to claim 2, <u>wherein said data is unencrypted and encoded and</u> wherein said step of inhibiting a data transfer comprises:

transmitting said data from said slave device to said data bus; and

preventing said master device from decoding said data from said data bus.--

--9.   (Amended)   The method, according to claim 1, wherein said slave device [is a decoder] <u>comprises means for decoding an unencrypted coded data</u>.--

--18.   (Amended)   The method, according to claim 10, wherein said slave device [is a decoder] <u>comprises means for decoding a decrypted coded data</u>.--

--22.   (Amended)   The method, according to claim 21, <u>wherein said data is encrypted and encoded and</u> wherein said step of inhibiting a data transfer comprises:

transmitting said data from said slave device to said data bus; and

preventing said master device from decoding said data from said data bus.--

--27.   (Amended)   The method, according to claim 19, wherein said slave device [is a decoder] <u>comprises means for decoding a decrypted coded data</u>.--